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To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is a (an) Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee(s) has (have) been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                   |   |       |                                    |                             |         |                 |
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2006 on the above-referenced patent application, applicants respectfully request amendment and reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.